Q&A for Faculty and Staff

1. Is GMAP ending?
   GMAP awards will be discontinued fall 2020 for new students.

2. If a student is currently receiving GMAP stipend or tuition support, will their funding end?
   We will honor all commitments to currently enrolled students who are supported by GMAP to the end of their eligibility. The GMAP process to request continued funding for currently enrolled students will remain in place.

3. If a student has been awarded an AGEP or GWC fellowship, will their funding end?
   We will honor all commitments to currently enrolled AGEP and GWC fellowship recipients through to the end of their eligibility.

4. What are the new diversity initiatives?
   There are two new diversity initiatives: The George A. Jackson Assistantship, which includes a Tuition Award for Diversity for master’s students, and the Iowa State McNair Scholarship.

5. When will the new diversity initiatives begin?
   The request portal will open on December 9, 2019, for fall 2020.

6. Will nominations for spring or summer admission be accepted?
   At this time, nominations will be accepted for fall admission only.

7. Are the new diversity initiatives only open to STEM programs?
   All graduate programs may nominate applicants.

8. Can graduate support staff or prospective major professors nominate students?
   Only DOGEs can submit a nomination through the portal.

9. The guidelines state that terms for AA appointments will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis. What does this mean?
   Any DOGE interested in receiving support through diversity initiatives to appoint an AA should contact Thelma Harding to discuss. We will expect students to be appointed half-time, and we will want to understand how the duties associated with the AA appointment relate to the student’s scholarship.

10. Who enters the Tuition Award for Diversity for master’s students?
    The Graduate College will enter the tuition award for diversity.

11. How will I know if an applicant is eligible for the McNair Scholarship?
McNair applicants check a box on the application indicating their participation. The Graduate College receives a document from the student’s home institution verifying their participation.

12. Is the McNair Scholarship renewable after the first year?
   The McNair Scholarship is a one-time award where 1/3 is awarded at entry and the other 2/3 when the student’s POSC is approved.

13. How will the $1,000 in professional development funds be given to McNair Scholarship awardees?
   An official request process will be implemented and funds will be managed by the Graduate College.

14. Does the Graduate College pay the application fee for all underrepresented students?
   No; however, programs can use the fee coupon system to pay those fees. McNair application fees are paid.

15. Who will enter the McNair Scholarship funds for those students who accept the offer of admission?
   The Scholarship will be entered and monitored by the Graduate College.

16. Will the Diane Brandt Scholarship continue?
   This scholarship is donor based and monitored through the Provost Office. The Graduate College awards a specific number each year as determined by the Provost Office.